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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND REPLY TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 25, 2007 UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Reply are being filed in response to the final Office Action dated July 25, 2007 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 25, 2007.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants request entry of the following claim amendments as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Reply.